

INTRODUCTION

Section 2515 of title 10, United States Code (Appendix A) directs that the Secretary of Defense shall establish within the Office of Secretary of Defense (OSD) an Office of Technology Transition (OTT). It further directs that the head of the office will ensure the office will monitor research and development (R&D) activities of the Department of the Defense; identify R&D activities that result in technology advances that have potential for non-defense commercial applications; serve as a clearing house for, coordinate, and actively facilitate the transfer of such technologies and technological advancements to the private sector; conduct its activities in consultation and coordinate with the Department of Energy and the Department of Commerce; and provide private firms with assistance in resolving problems related to technology transfer. It also directs the Secretary of Defense to submit to the Committees on Armed Services and the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives an annual report on the activities of the Office at the same time the budget is submitted to Congress by the President. This report responds to that requirement and is the tenth report.

The FY 2004 Defense Authorization Act (Section 1031(a)(23)) changes the frequency of this report to biennial, and requests it be submitted in even-numbered years. The report is to contain discussion of the accomplishment during the two fiscal years preceding the fiscal year in which the report is submitted.

This is the tenth report on the activities of the Office of Technology Transition (OTT). This report does not include technology transfer efforts from the Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC) or the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program which was included in previous reports. DTIC now is organizationally under the Defense Information Systems Agency and their efforts are reported through that channel. However, DTIC continues to maintain information systems to assist in oversight of the Technology Transfer Program. These systems are the Defense Technology Transfer Information System (DTTIS) and the Independent Research and Development (IR&D) database supporting the IR&D program. At one time, the OSD SBIR program was managed from OTT; however, when OTT transferred into the Office of the Deputy under Secretary of Defense for Advanced Systems and Concepts in June 2002, the SBIR element remained in the Office of the Deputy under Secretary of Defense for Science and Technology.